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Wait Until After Trial, Powers Urges Parents

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI)—Francis G. Powers, the U-2 spy plane pilot, has been emphatic in writing his family not to visit him before his trial, attorneys seeking to aid the imprisoned American said last night.

The lawyers told a news conference they could give no definite reason for Mr. Powers' comments.

Mrs. Barbara Powers, wife of the pilot, was also at the news conference. She said little during the session and then, applied for visas to Russia but attorneys answered most questions as yet have heard nothing.

Mr. Powers was captured by the Russians when his plane went down deep inside Russia in May.

Second Letter Received

Mrs. Powers said she had received a second letter from her husband who again said he was being well treated. She said she could not detect if the letters had been censored. Because they were intimate, she declined to release them.

The attorneys said her letter and the two Mr. Powers had written his parents at Pound, Va., had been studied carefully by psychiatrists.

The three attorneys were named by the Virginia State Bar Association to offer legal help to Mr. Powers. They have "I suspect if there is a trial

Premier's Convenience

He also said he thought the timing of the trial would be arranged to suit Soviet Premier Khrushchev's convenience.

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there will be a conviction," Mr. Hazard said.

A conference preceding the press session was the first meeting of the attorneys. Mr. Hazard and Mrs. Powers. Mr. Hazard is leaving soon for Europe.

The attorneys named by the bar association to offer aid to Mr. Powers are: Alex W. Parker, Richmond; John C. Parker, Franklin and Frank W. Rogers, Roanoke.

Mr. Rogers acted as spokesman for the group.



Mrs. Barbara M. Powers, wife of U-2 pilot Francis G. Powers, appears at a news conference in Richmond, Va., as attorneys were named to offer aid to her husband, waiting trial in Russia.

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